An aerial photograph of Laconia, New Hampshire, showing a dense residential area with many houses and trees. A river or lake is visible in the upper right corner, and a bridge crosses it. The town is built on a hillside, with a road winding through the center. The photograph is in black and white, with a red horizontal band across the middle.

# *Annual Report*

LACONIA, N. H.

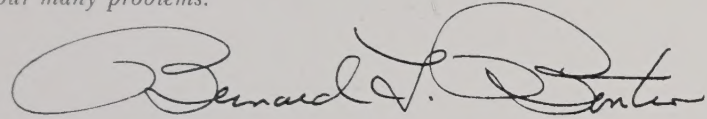
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Because we consider Laconia to be an unusual city — unusual in that we have so much here of which we can be justly proud and thankful — we decided that our City Report this year should reflect the forward-looking progress that has been made these last few months. We have endeavored through the use of this new format to present a clear picture of our municipal accomplishments and to emphasize the strong financial position of our city; in other words, knowing how important it is that our citizens be properly informed, we have made every effort to present a report that is not only attractive, but is factual, informative and easily understood.

In this era of rapid transportation, communications and transition, no community can afford to stand still — facilities must keep pace to insure a happy, prosperous community in which to live and to raise our families. We must recognize that we are on the threshold of a new period in history and do our utmost to prepare ourselves for it.

This past year has been an extremely active one and has been truly rewarding because of the excellent cooperation of our city officials, our department heads and employees — as well as the understanding of the people of Laconia. We would, therefore, like to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation to all those who have aided in the governing of our city and to those who have given so generously of their time in helping solve some of our many problems.



Mayor



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## ADMINISTRATION

There were 12 regular monthly meetings of the Council; 16 special meetings; and 4 hearings. There were 10 ordinances passed and 11 resolutions adopted.

Attendance at all council meetings was practically 100%; the prevailing spirit of friendly cooperation resulted in many accomplishments.

Regular council meetings are held on the last Monday of each month—7:30 p.m. at City Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## THE LACONIA CITY COUNCIL

Inaugurated  
March 26, 1957



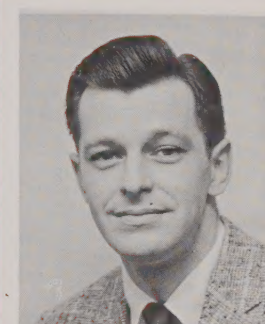
THE HONORABLE  
BERNARD L. BOUTIN,  
MAYOR



WARD 1  
DR. MELVIN L. STONE



WARD 2  
ATTY. PAUL L. NORMANDIN



WARD 3  
THOMAS W. O'CONNOR



WARD 4  
ALBERT F. LAHAIE



WARD 5  
JOHN G. RUEL



WARD 6  
HAROLD E. TEFFT





#### **BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

NORMAN G. PERREAULT  
*Chairman*

PETER S. KARAGIANIS  
ALBERT LUCIER

#### **BOARD OF HEALTH**

DR. LEONARD J. SLOVACK  
*Chairman*

DR. FREDERICK C. FILLMORE  
JOSEPH C. BOULANGER

#### **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

EDWARD J. GALLAGHER  
*Chairman*

REV. THOMAS J. CATE  
ALICE S. HARRIMAN  
AGNES M. TILTON  
DR. M. ALICE NORMANDIN  
DR. KENNETH ACHBER

#### **TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**

KENNETH D. HOPKINS  
*Chairman*

LAURETTE B. JOHNSON  
*Secretary-Treasurer*  
FRANK D. BRISSE

#### **FIRE COMMISSION**

ARTHUR C. TROMBLY  
*Chairman*

ALLEN G. VEAZEY  
ARTHUR R. PLOURDE

#### **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

WALTER D. McLAUGHLIN  
*Chairman*

HARRY L. SMITH  
A. W. SIMONEAU

## **B O A R D S   A N D   C O M M I S S I O N S**

#### **PARK COMMISSION**

DR. ROBINSON W. SMITH  
*Chairman*

ARTHUR CLAIRMONT  
E. J. DUPONT  
*Maintenance*  
GENERIA MORIN  
FRANCES FOSTER  
*Recreation*

#### **WATER COMMISSION**

F. A. NORMANDIN  
*Chairman*

JOHN H. DOW  
*Succeeded by*  
BERNARD P. BRISSE  
6-24-57  
JOHN McINTYRE

#### **PLANNING BOARD**

ROBERT J. CLAIRMONT  
*Chairman*

LLOYD L. BAKER  
CHARLES D. DOCKHAM  
HOWARD O. DECOSTER  
RICHARD VAREY  
LUCIEN R. DULAC

#### **Ex-officio:**

BERNARD L. BOUTIN  
*Mayor*  
PAUL L. NORMANDIN  
ARNOLD J. O'MARA

#### **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

BERNARD P. EMERY  
*Chairman*

RENE J. GILBERT  
WILLIAM R. VOSE  
J. ALFRED PAQUETTE  
*Resigned 4-24-57*  
*Succeeded by*  
CEDRIC N. WITHAM  
WALTER A. HARKINS

#### **POLICE COMMISSION**

KENNETH D. HOPKINS  
*Chairman*

GUY C. RICHARDS  
F. E. NORMANDIN



**GROSS VALUATION \$28,983,154**

	Valuation	Percentage
One-family units	\$ 8,418,200	29.05
Two-family units	2,630,000	9.07
Apartment units	1,794,200	6.19
Industrial units	1,191,112	4.11
Commercial units	4,886,700	16.86
Seasonal residence	1,288,730	4.45
Commercial recreation	1,572,200	5.42
Utilities	816,640	2.82
Land only	634,785	2.19
Buildings only	236,850	.82
Farms	271,050	.93
Stock-in-trade	3,502,035	12.08
Boats and launches	343,950	1.19
Machinery	1,251,336	4.32
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	28,837,788	99.50
Miscellaneous	145,366	.50
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,983,154</b>	<b>100%</b>



# TAX COLLECTOR

## REVENUE RECEIVED:

Real Estate, Personal Property and Poll Taxes	\$1,436,524.37
Interest	3,975.07
Head Taxes	37,294.25
Head Tax Fines	811.50
Sanitary Sewage Rental Receipts	34,017.23
Sanitary Sewage Rental Fines	431.29
Timber Taxes—1956	1,219.06
Parking Meter Receipts	36,448.00
Parking Lots Receipts	3,012.50
Bicycle Licenses	289.25
Cost and Fees	1,179.19
Taxes Redeemed (Taxes purchased by city at Tax Sale 1953-1954-1955-1956)	19,800.64

## BALANCES DUE:

Taxes Unredeemed (Taxes purchased by city at Tax Sale 1954-1955-1956)	24,341.98
Uncollected Real Estate, Personal Property and Poll Taxes 1953-1954-1955-1956	6,990.29
Uncollected Head Taxes—1954-1955-1956	1,448.49

# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## INSPECTIONS MADE BY HEALTH OFFICER

Farm and plant	1,121
Slaughter	50
Market	303
Restaurant	88
Cabin colony	405

## NUMBER OF LABORATORY TESTS

Bacteria analyses (milk)	2,846
Water analyses	275

## CITY PHYSICIAN

Police cases	85
Office calls	32
House calls	12
Hospital visits	32
Examinations for State Hospital	4
Attendance at fires	2
Alcometer demonstrations	1

## CITY NURSE SUMMARY OF VISITS MADE

Medical	1,094
Surgical	474
Pre-school	85
Crippled children	26
Post-natal	4
Infant care	76
Home visits—instruction	123

## MILK LICENSES ISSUED

93



MAYOR BERNARD L. BOUTIN, Chairman

JOSEPH F. SMITH

ROBERT E. ALDRICH

NORMAN HUBBARD

FLOYD B. MILLER

A.D. VAUGHAN, Airport Manager



New Administration Building at Laconia Airport

Under the supervision of the Airport Authority, a new administration building was constructed and many other improvements made to the airport.

The Laconia Airport is served by Northeast Airlines, Inc. There are four planes available at the airport for taxi service and ten privately owned aircraft based there. Don Vaughan, the airport manager, conducts full-time air taxi service to all points in the country.

AIRPORT  
AUTHORITY



Kenneth L. Sherman, Superintendent of Schools  
(Successor to Rhoden P. Eddy)

# SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

## SCHOOL BOARD

ROBERT V. JOHNSON, *Chairman*

MRS. ESTHER NIGHSWANDER — OLIVA HUOT  
DONALD W. MAC ISAAC — DR. ROGER P. BRASSARD  
STEPHEN S. JEWETT

Photo by Allan Ayre

### Total enrollment by grades:

Elementary:		
Kindergarten	209	
I	193	
II	175	
III	182	
IV	190	
V	170	
VI	162	
Special class	17	
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Total		1,298
Junior High School:		
VII	192	
VIII	198	
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Total		390
Senior High School:		
IX	243	
X	192	
XI	167	
XII	140	
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Total		742
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Total for the city		2,430

### Parochial School enrollment:

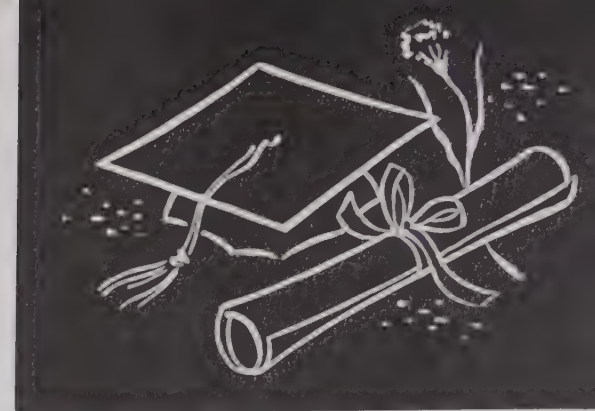
St. John's	431
Sacred Heart	550
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Total	981

### Revenue:

From taxation	\$603,600
Tuition receipts	79,160
From the state for vocational home economic reimbursement	900
Adult education	1,800
Misc. receipts—sale of supplies, rental of auditorium, etc.	3,000
Athletic receipts (app.)	4,500



LACONIA HIGH SCHOOL  
GRADUATING CLASS OF 1957



Betty Lou Amaral  
Bruce Andrew Anthony  
Jeanne Louise Baillargeon  
Payson Beryl Bean  
Leo Belanger  
Andre Amedee Belisle  
Elaine Ruth Bickford  
Elinor Lee Bickford  
John Newell Bishop  
Philip John Blanchette, Jr.  
Raymond Russell Boissoneau  
Carol Louise Bowker  
Michael Dennis Brady  
Patricia Lee Brady  
Patricia Jean Brooks  
Judy Ann Brown  
Ruth Evelyn Brunelle  
Judith Elenora Burbank  
Ethel Bushey  
James Walter Carignan  
Sandra Mae Cassavaugh  
John Leo Chandronait  
Anita Cecilia Clement  
John Roland Cloud  
Sheridan Winfield Codman  
Rebecca Sue Coffin  
Ruth Veronica Conly  
Joan Cookman  
Charles Leonard Corbin  
Jane Olive Corriveau  
Gail Brenda Crain

John Blakeman Crawford, Jr.  
Richard Herbert Cray  
Wallace Andrew Daigneau, Jr.  
Charlene Beth Darling  
Beverly Fay Davis  
Elaine Frances Dearborn  
Donna de Goey  
Millicent Jennie Dickie  
Ruth Doan  
Roger Joseph Doucet  
Sara-Jane Dowling  
Patrick John Dunleavy  
Jill Gertrude Edwards  
Marilyn Mae Fielders  
Shirley Sheila Fitts  
Francis William Foley, Jr.  
Marshall Herbert Ford  
Donald Robert Anthony Fortin  
Reginald Lawrence Fountain  
Helen Nancy Fournier  
Shirley Ann Gagne  
Leo Arthur Gagnon  
Jean Anne Garceau  
Carol Adair George  
Norman Ronald Giguere  
Olive June Goodwin  
Patricia Mary Ann Goulet  
Leo Rene Coyette  
Roger Leo Guay  
Jerrilyn K. Gunn  
Earl Edmund Guyer, Jr.

Richard Daniel Guyer  
Christopher Errol Haines  
Allan Carter Hale  
Carol Ann Hammond  
Judith Ann Harriman  
John Conrad Haven  
Patrice Ann Hayes  
Nena May Heath  
Norman Richard Hildreth  
Dorothy Pauline Hiltz  
Charles Oliver Hopkins  
Francis John Horne  
Joylyn Gladys Houle  
Carole Jean Hunt  
Robert Irving Hunt  
Arthur Carlton Johnson  
Robert Veiling Johnson II  
Carole Ann Jordan  
Victor Emanuel Joyce  
Ellen Sandra Kaplan  
Peter Ronald Karatsanos  
Patricia Ann Karsten  
Patricia Joyce Kelly  
Evelyn Gail Knight  
Philip Dennis LaBonte  
June Viola LaClair  
Robert Peter Laflamme  
Jean Lakeman  
Joan Lakeman  
Roger Larry Landry  
James Alfred Lessard

Dolores Leona Levesque  
Thomas Charles Lindsey  
Claire Simone Marquis  
Janet Dey Martin  
Anna Vaseleke Mastoras  
Louise McArdle  
Patricia Annette McCormack  
Mary Ann McGrath  
Bruce Ellsworth McLellan  
William Stanley Metcalf  
Joseph Paul Miller  
Donald Roberts Minor  
Warren Neal Mitchell  
Kathy Mary-Marie Mooney  
Rene Alfred Nadeau  
Claire Irene Ouellette  
Carroll Lawrence Page  
Michael Norman Perreault  
Frances Ellen Perry  
Joanne Therese Phelps  
Richard Ellis Plaisted  
Elizabeth Margaret Plante  
Agnes Decla Porter  
John Harley Prescott  
Natalie Jean Price  
Edward Alexander Provencal  
George Bernard Roberts, Jr.  
Joseph Roland John Samson  
Marjorie Carol Sanborn  
Carol Hinckley Saunders  
Nancy Ann Sawyer

Ramona Virginia Shattuck  
Nancy Jordan Simonds  
Carol Barbara Sisson  
George Eddy Smith  
Janice Smith  
Jeanne Irene Smith  
Juan Bradley Smith  
Maureen Ann Smith  
Richard Erwin Smith  
Sally Burnham Smith  
Marina Demetres Sobliros  
Mary Regina Stafford  
Irene Helen Sullivan  
Paul Emery Swenson  
Robert Henry Tardif  
Duncan Norton Taylor  
Edith Rena Taylor  
Ronald Clayton Tebbetts  
Richard Pierce Tilton  
Verna-Jo Twombly  
Lucien Roger Virgin  
Priscilla Evelyn Walker  
Francis Clifford White  
Allan Douglas Whitney  
William Bernard Wilkens, Jr.  
Anne Joyce Winkler  
Marilyn Jean Woodward  
Maureen Joyce Wright



## WATER WORKS



Domestic metered customers— Laconia-Weirs-Gilford	2,206
Domestic unmetered customers	290
Commercial metered customers	862
Commercial unmetered customers	23
Municipal metered customers	42
Municipal unmetered customers	4
Hydrants	214
Sprinkler customers	35
New meters installed	49
Meters replaced	430
New mains laid	1,546 feet
Added to existing mains	960 feet
Water mains in the city: Cast iron	127,765 feet
Cement lined	35,432 feet
Copper tube	1,310 feet
Wrought iron	94,493 feet
Total	259,000 feet





## LACONIA'S THREE FIRE STATIONS:

Central — Lakeport — Weirs Beach

Personnel: 9 Officers

58 Firemen, including call men

Appropriation for year ..... \$100,059.39

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Laconia's Fire Department and Personnel  
are Comparable to the BEST in the State.**

During 1956-1957 there were 309 alarms, of which 115 were dwellings, 10 stores, 9 factories, 3 garages, 82 brush fires and 80 miscellaneous calls.

Estimated loss ..... \$ 9,450.00

Insurance paid ..... 16,382.82



# P O L I C E D E P A R T M E N T

## PERSONNEL:

Chief  
Deputy Chief  
Captain  
Lieutenant  
3 Sergeants  
29 Patrolmen  
2 Cruisers

## ARRESTS:

Males 755 — Females 41

## CAUSES OF ARRESTS:

Allowing unlicensed person to operate	10
Arrested for out-of-town officers	15
Assault	8
Assault of officer	11
Bastardy	2
Breaking, entering and larceny	3
Careless and negligent driving	21
Carrying loaded rifle in car	1
Contributing to juvenile delinquency	5
Deserters — Army and Navy	6
Destroying city property	2
Disorderly person	28
Drunkenness (residents)	101
Drunkenness (non-residents)	42
Escaped convicts	2
Failing to show license	1
to give hand signal	1
to keep to the right of the road	6
to have car registered	11
to stop after accident	15
Failing to stop for stop sign	29
to show financial responsibility	1

Falsifying age to buy beer	3
Following too close	4
Insane person	10
Larceny	14
Lascivious behavior	2
Misuse of plates	2
Making false statements to get license	1
false crime report	2
Neglecting to stop for signal	10
Non-support of family	4
Obstructing officer	1
Offensive language	2
Operating auto without license	30
auto recklessly	7
auto under influence of liquor	43
auto without adequate brakes	7
auto without proper lights	5
auto after license is revoked	11
auto without muffler	1
auto with windshield obstructed	1
auto with siren	1
truck without flag on load	1
Overspeeding auto	218
Parking violations in court	11
Passing over centerline	36
worthless checks	7
Procuring liquor for minors	11
Selling liquor to minors	7
Taking auto without permission	1
Throwing rubbish in street	7
Traffic lights violation	7
Uninspected auto	5
Vagrancy	3

TOTAL

796



**HOW DISPOSED OF:**

Appealed to Superior Court	9
Bail forfeited	15
Bound over to Superior Court	7
Committed to House of Correction	24
Committed to State Hospital	10
Complaints placed on file	16
Complaints nol-prossed	3
Continued for sentence	9
Delivered to out-of-town officers	21
Discharged by the court	14
Paid fines	644
Suspended sentences	24

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TOTAL	796
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Parking Violations ..... 7,290

Fees Collected ..... \$7,290

**INCIDENTAL SERVICES:**

Assistance rendered	146
Assisted out-of-town officers	50
Auto accidents reported	163
Auto reported stolen	6
Auto reported stolen recovered	6
Blood relays	27
Burglaries reported	8
Complaints received and investigated	1,922
Fires attended	12
Fires extinguished without alarm given	2
Larcenies reported	18
Lost children restored to parents	5
Number of persons furnished lodging	65
Police radio calls	3,165
Store doors and windows found open and secured	1,747
Street lights reported out	1,497
Telephone duty calls	31,285

**COMPLETED  
PROJECTS**

Grading and seeding at all parks.  
General repairs to clubhouses, roads and driveways.

**Memorial Park:**

Fill added.  
Street leading off Pearl Street conditioned and resurfaced.  
Fence installed around baseball diamond.

**Weirs Beach:**

Installation of hand rail beside the sidewalk entrance; second application of penetrating seal oil to parking area; additional settees purchased.

**Leavitt Park:**

\*Community house insulated and pine panelled; kitchen renovated and brought up to date; new lighting system installed.  
Beach and parking area enlarged; new raft acquired; road leading from club house to beach regraded and improved.

**ALL PARK CLUBS ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED FOR THEIR  
INTEREST AND COOPERATION IN THESE IMPROVEMENTS.**

**P A R K C O M M I S S I O N**

**PLAYGROUND  
PROGRAM**

Supervised by full-time director, Malcolm Bownes, during July and August.  
Experienced attendants on duty.

The new bookmobile was much appreciated and was very popular with the children.

Tennis lessons were given; swimming races conducted; skating rinks were kept in operation during the winter months at all parks.

At Opechee and Leavitt Parks Red Cross certificates were issued to 78 beginners; 40 intermediates; 13 swimmers; 2 advance swimmers; 13 junior life savers; and 1 senior life saver.

\*Paid from the Leavitt Fund





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## BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

**AN EXTREMELY ACTIVE AND BUSY YEAR FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT —  
THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS WERE INCLUDED IN ITS REPORT:**

Repairs made to Messer Street Bridge.

Completion of large portion of Main Street sewer project, including pumping station on Lawrence Court.

Following streets resurfaced: Union Avenue from Church Street to Main Street; Fair Street from Court to Academy Street; Pine Street from Main Street to Merrimack Street; Highland Street from Pine Street to Gilford Avenue; Winter Street from Highland Street to Union Avenue; Messer Street from Union Avenue to Messer Street bridge.

Sidewalks completed on Province and Rowell Streets.

Lakeside Avenue at Weirs Beach widened, a concrete bumper wall built, and 120 parking meters installed.

Surface water drains installed in Jackson Street to Opechee Park; in Olive Place and Holman Street extension; from Downing Street to end of street as laid out.

Junction of Pine and Highland Streets widened; granite curb installed.

Granite curbs installed on Pine and Highland Streets.

1600 elm trees sprayed, preventing spread of Dutch Elm disease.

Construction of Beacon Street and Rowe Court parking lots.

Installation of two-way radios in Public Works Department cars.



**Resurfacing of Messer Street Bridge**



**Start of New Beacon Street Parking Lot**

John A. Smith, an employee of the Public Works Department for 26 years, died on May 27, 1956. He has been greatly missed by everyone.



# PLANNING BOARD

The primary duty of the Planning Board is to prepare long range plans for the improvement and betterment of the city, to make studies of any proposals that are presented to the Mayor and Council, and to advise on various projects and undertakings.

Of the many and varied projects and problems of major importance this past year, the following are of greatest general interest:

Participation by the City of Laconia in a Federal Urban Assistance Program which includes a Land Use study, Traffic Circulation plan, Aerial Photographic survey, Industrial Site survey, and a study of present and future sewer and water systems.

A complete review of Traffic Rules and Regulations, resulting in a number of changes and improvements to be included in the Revised Ordinances of 1957.

An extensive study and recommendation for a by-pass for Laconia on a carefully selected route to be presented to the State Highway authorities for approval and action.

Study and recommendation for the purchase of the Boston & Maine Railroad property at Veterans Square and Lakeport for street protection and possible use of present station at Veterans Square as a new City Hall.

Very close cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce Industrial, Transportation and Civic Committees on subjects affecting the betterment and future growth of the city.

There were 11 meetings held. The Planning Director also attended many council meetings, various public hearings and statewide meetings.

## CIVIL DEFENSE

There were 30 observers on duty at the Ground Observer Corps tower on Taylor Street, averaging 90 hours per week.

In one period of 110 days, there were 1,829 planes reported to the filter center in Manchester.

The GOC in Laconia is the *only* post in New Hampshire or Maine which prints its own bulletin.

Alerts have found Laconia well prepared and public response good.

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

It is the duty of this board to make decisions on petitions presented by persons wishing to construct, alter or use property in areas where such use is contrary to the zoning ordinances.

There were 11 meetings held—13 petitions acted upon—11 granted, 2 denied.

# BUILDING INSPECTOR

## Permits issued for DWELLING UNITS ONLY:

YEAR	NEW HOMES	ADDED APARTMENTS	TRAILER HOMES
1950	46	14	0
1951	44	13	1
1952	25	6	0
1953	34	14	3
1954	47	17	1
1955	53	14	5
1956	43	15	7
1957	42	9	15
	<hr/> 334	<hr/> 102	<hr/> 32



New Addition to Scott & Williams



Signs of Progress on Main Street



Through a stipulation in the will of Martha A. Prescott, funds in the amount of nearly \$50,000 were made available for the construction of a new addition to the Gale Memorial Library. The Gale Trust Fund will provide enough money each year to pay nearly all principal and interest costs. Work started on this project October 9, 1956.



On March 15, 1957 the first books were loaned from the new bookmobile, acquired through the funds supplied by the Perkins Estate. The total cost of \$10,000 will be paid over a six-year period.

#### CIRCULATION:

Gale Memorial Library:	Books	62,843
	Recordings	2,436
Goss Reading Room:	Books	9,831
Bookmobile	Books	2,587
Total		77,697

Increase in books and recordings over previous year: 7,510.  
Over 1500 reference questions answered.

#### COLLECTION:

Books added	1,767	Total book collection	47,112
Books withdrawn	203	Total record Collection	704



## PUBLIC LIBRARY



## UNITED NATIONS TOWN MEETING OF THE WORLD — October 13, 1956

This highly successful affair was organized in order that Laconia might get to know the UN better—and that the foreign UN officials might learn about the United States by visiting a small American community.

Moderator for the meeting: Laurence F. Whittemore.

Selectmen: Christopher H. Phillips, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State.

Eliezer Yapou, representing Israel.

Rikhi Jaipal, representing India.

Dr. Mohammed Ali Massoud-Ansari, representing Iran.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

In January, 1957, Laconia was chosen as the one city in the state for the “Great Decisions—1957” program, a series of well planned meetings where the major issues in foreign policy facing the United States in 1957 were discussed.

This program led to another important event in our city—a hearing on April 5, 1957 on American foreign policy by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, the *first hearing of its kind* ever held outside Washington.

UN Delegates Arriving at Laconia Airport



Mayor Boutin Testifying at Hearing





## COMPLETED PROJECTS

- PARKING LOTS
- LIBRARY ADDITION
- BOOKMOBILE
- WIDENING OF PINE STREET
- NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
AT AIRPORT
- NEW SEWER MAINS
- SEWAGE PUMPING STATION
- BOAT LAUNCHING RAMPS
- ENLARGEMENT AND ALTERATION  
OF ASSESSORS' OFFICE



Aerial View of Laconia Showing Parking Lots

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OUR  
SPECIAL  
THANKS  
TO

The members of the Clergy who have taken time from their busy schedules to give the invocations at our regular City Council meetings.

The Laconia Evening Citizen for its fine articles, editorials and write-ups.

Earl Anderson of the Manchester Union Leader for his excellent coverage of city news and for his splendid pictures.

Arthur Rothafel and the staff of WLNH for their many fine programs in the interest of the city and its projects.

Attorney Arthur Nighswander for his assistance in making funds from the Martha Prescott Estate available, resulting in the new library addition.

Judge Theo Jewett for making it possible to acquire the new Bookmobile through funds from the Perkins Estate.

The members of the Garden Club known as the "Green Thumbers" for their attractive plantings in Bank Square and Depot Square.

Mrs. Annabelle Whittemore who has so generously supplied the Mayor's office with beautiful flowers.

All those who served on special committees during the year and who gave freely of their time in helping solve some of our many problems.

All department heads and office personnel who so often have gone beyond the call of their regular duties in helping provide the services of which we are justly proud.

# RESOLUTIONS



## CITY OF LACONIA

In the Year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty six.

A RESOLUTION on the death of Judge Harry. E. Trapp.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follows.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Laconia are saddened at the untimely death of Judge Harry E. Trapp, and

WHEREAS, Judge Harry E. Trapp was held in the highest esteem by all those who knew him because of his conscientious service to this community, and

WHEREAS, Judge Trapp's memory will be greatly honored by all his associates at City Hall,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council extend to the family of Judge Harry E. Trapp their deepest sympathy and express their sincere appreciation for what he through his untiring efforts accomplished for the city, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be engrossed upon the permanent records of the City of Laconia and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Judge Harry E. Trapp.

Passed and approved this 30th day of July, 1956.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin  
Mayor



## CITY OF LACONIA

In the Year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six.

A RESOLUTION on the Death of Arthur C. Kinsman.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia, as follow:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Laconia are saddened by the untimely death of Arthur C. Kinsman, and

WHEREAS, Arthur C. Kinsman was a highly regarded citizen of this community and was held in the greatest esteem by all those who came in contact with him, and

WHEREAS, it is felt that his death represents a great loss to the City of Laconia, and

WHEREAS, his memory will be honored by all those who knew him,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council extend to the family of Arthur C. Kinsman an expression of deepest sympathy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be engrossed upon the permanent records of the City of Laconia and that a copy be sent to the family of Arthur C. Kinsman.

Passed and approved this 26th day of December, 1956.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin  
Mayor



## CITY OF LACONIA

In the Year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven.

A RESOLUTION on the death of Monsignor Sliney.

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Laconia as follows:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Laconia are saddened by the untimely death of Monsignor Sliney, and

WHEREAS, Monsignor Sliney was respected and beloved by everyone in the community and

WHEREAS, a sense of great loss is felt by all those who knew him, and

WHEREAS, his teachings will long be remembered by everyone who came in contact with him,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council extend to the family of Monsignor Sliney an expression of deepest sympathy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be engrossed upon the permanent records of the City of Laconia and that a copy be sent to the family of Monsignor Sliney.

Passed and approved this 7th day of February, 1957.

/s/ Bernard L. Boutin  
Mayor

# WELFARE DEPARTMENT

## DIRECT RELIEF:

34 families (141 persons)	\$ 4,968.16
29 single persons	4,071.14
8 veterans' families (48 persons)	1,558.06
Total	<u>\$10,597.36</u>

## BREAKDOWN:

Food	\$ 1,836.64
Gas and electricity	127.15
Clothing	199.30
Fuel	759.32
Rent and lodging	641.51
Board and care (adults)	747.10
Board and care (children)	1,109.24
Medical care	2,023.35
Hospital	2,993.75
Ambulance and funerals	160.00
Total	<u>\$10,597.36</u>

Old age assistance, alien old age assistance, and aid to the permanently and totally disabled . . . . . \$44,565.66

Those people receiving aid who were able to work furnished the city with 1,275 hours; their work included repairing of voting booths, painting and repairing at City Hall, painting of hydrants, maintenance work at Memorial, Leavitt, and Opechee Parks, painting of rest rooms at Weirs Beach.

An average of 185 families per month were recipients of surplus food.



## LACONIA CITY BUDGET • 1957 - 1958



Assessors' Department	.099	.029	Miscellaneous
Athletic Floodlights	.002	.039	Municipal Court
Capital Improvements	.016	.031	Parks & Playgrounds
City Clerk	.096	.008	Patriotic Purposes
City Hall Maintenance	.055	.034	Planning Board
Civil Defense	.002	.014	School Bldg. Committee
Elections	.005	.024	State Education Tax
Health Department	.077	.051	State of N. H. Retirement
Hydrant Service	.073	.065	Tax Collector Dept.
Insurance	.054	.052	Weirs Beach
Laconia Airport Authority	.005	.014	Weirs Municipal Building
Laconia Hospital	.068	.002	White Pine Blister Rust
Lakes Region Association	.003	.001	Zoning Board of Adjust.

## ASSESSED VALUATIONS • 1957 - 1958



MISCELLANEOUS			
House Trailers	38,250	2,400	Horses
Wharves & Ferries	21,300	18,025	Cows
Gasoline Pumps & Tanks	40,455	700	Other Neat Stock
Wood & Lumber, Etc.	6,746	115	Sheep & Goats
Vehicles	3,600	200	Hogs
Petroleum & Gas Trans.		1,300	Fowl
Lines (incl. bldgs.)	70,000		
Road Building Machinery & Well Drilling Mach.	7,875		

SUMMARY			
Net Valuation	28,101,954	=	96.96%
Veteran Exemptions	881,200	=	3.04%
Gross Valuation	28,983,154	=	100.00%

# CITY AUDIT

City of Laconia, New Hampshire

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION — THE GENERAL FUND as of June 30, 1957

### ASSETS

Cash:		
In depositories	\$ 81,182.90	
Petty cash	650.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 81,832.90
Escrowed Cash:		
On deposit—Belknap Superior Court	12,000.00	
On deposit—retirement, bond coupons	240.00	
	<hr/>	12,240.00
Taxes Receivable:		
Due city—current year	4,713.15	
Due city—delinquent (not liens)	2,269.14	
	<hr/>	6,982.29
Tax Liens—Delinquent		24,335.66
Taxes on property deeded to city		799.96
Uncollected delinquent State of N. H. Head Taxes		1,438.49
Other Receivables:		
Reimbursement due General Fund on balance of Accounts Receivable advance to Laconia Water Works	563.97	
Miscellaneous	156.00	
	<hr/>	719.97
Total current working assets		<hr/> \$128,349.27

# LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Department Unexpended Balances Retained:		
Uniform allowances—Fire Department	\$ 71.47	
Uniform allowances—Police Department	641.98	
Land damages paid by N. H. re: Opechee Park Project	1,400.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,113.45
Advance Revenue Collections:		
Tax collections—1957 levy	3,032.00	
Merchant and business contributions to be applied to parking bond issue payments	3,012.50	
	<hr/>	6,044.50
Accounts Payable:		
Due State of N. H.—advance 1957 head tax collections	366.00	
Trust deposits due City Trustees of trust funds	216.00	
	<hr/>	582.00
Escrowed Funds:		
On land purchase court case	12,000.00	
On bond coupons due but not cashed	240.00	
	<hr/>	12,240.00
Total liabilities against current working funds		<hr/> \$ 20,979.95
Surplus:		
General fund surplus unappropriated		\$ 93,064.43
Parking meter fund surplus unappropriated		14,304.89
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Total Liabilities and Surplus		\$128,349.27



**STATEMENT OF REVENUES OTHER THAN PROPERTY OR POLL TAXES OF THE GENERAL FUND**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1957**

	Net Receipts	Estimated in Budget	Excess	Deficiency
From surplus beginning of year	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 38,000.00		
Fees—City Clerk	3,108.87	2,400.00	\$ 708.87	
Dog licenses	1,965.25	1,500.00	465.25	
Income—election material	63.50	None	63.50	
Health Department	469.75	500.00		\$ 30.25
Business licenses	2,105.75	2,000.00	105.75	
Miscellaneous receipts	118.44	None	118.44	
Motor vehicle taxes	77,294.94	75,000.00	2,294.94	
Municipal Court—retained by city	15,060.76	11,500.00	3,560.76	
Planning Board	1.00	None	1.00	
Police Department—paint sold	6.00	None	6.00	
New Hampshire railroad tax	1,228.06	1,100.00	128.06	
New Hampshire Savings Bank tax	4,471.57	5,000.00		528.43
New Hampshire contribution—school bonds	1,059.20	None	1,059.20	
New Hampshire per capita education tax—partial	957.80	None	957.80	
Sealer of Weights and Measures fees	209.83	250.00		40.17
Weirs municipal buildings—services	3,385.37	3,000.00	385.37	
Weirs Beach services	8,367.54	9,000.00		632.46
Tax Collector's fees	1,062.14	650.00	412.14	
N. H. reimbursement to Tax Collector for head tax supplies	202.72	None	202.72	
Interest on taxes	3,973.96	3,000.00	973.96	
Welfare Department	1,416.56	None	1,416.56	
Zoning Board of Adjustment	100.00	150.00		50.00
Reimbursement—growing wood, timber tax for current year (after 2% to New Hampshire)	1,015.88	100.00	915.88	

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	Net	Estimated		
	Receipts	in	Excess	Deficiency
		Budget		
Reserve growing wood and timber (prior years withheld funds)	1,222.34	None	1,222.34	
New Hampshire interest and dividends tax	24,045.23	24,045.23		
Interest on U. S. Treasury Notes (prior year)	1,796.81	1,796.81		
Premium on bond issues (prior year)	4,355.73	4,355.73		
Interest on bond issues (prior year)	2,384.56	2,384.56		
Parks and playgrounds rentals, etc.	695.35	None	695.35	
New Hampshire fees for collecting head tax	3,503.00	3,100.00	403.00	
Sanitary sewerage fund surplus—to apply on sewer bond payments	20,000.00	20,000.00		
Accrued interest and premium bond issues—current	865.82	None	865.82 (*)	
	\$224,513.73	\$208,832.33	\$16,962.71	\$1,281.31
(*) Less—retained to apply '57-'58 budget (in bond funds)			865.82	
			<hr/>	<hr/>
Increase to General Fund Surplus			\$16,096.89	
Decrease to General Fund Surplus				\$1,281.31
Net Increase to General Fund Surplus			\$14,815.58	

UNION COUNTY — 1974-75 FISCAL YEAR  
 (See also Table B-1, page 30, 1974-75)

Department or Account	Budget and Credits	Expenditures and Debits	Excess	Deficiency
Overlay for abatements	\$22,246.62	\$13,207.81	\$9,038.81	
Athletic floodlights	671.66	653.66	18.00	
Laconia Airport Authority	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Administration	27,149.01	24,447.37	2,701.64	
Assessors' Department	16,318.99	15,484.28	834.71	
Bonded debt—principal (includes water works bonds principal)	175,500.00	175,500.00		
Maintenance—City Hall	9,476.97	8,787.60	689.37	
City Clerk's Department	15,808.17	15,660.72	147.45	
Civil Defense	782.50	744.92	37.58	
Belknap County tax	76,132.52	76,132.52		
State educational tax (See revenues for partial reimbursement)	4,176.00	4,176.00		
Elections	6,338.14	6,145.19	192.95	
Fire Department	102,818.70	102,952.75		\$134.05
Health Department	13,317.71	13,280.38	37.33	
Hydrant service	21,658.01	21,658.01		
Insurance	8,145.36	7,664.78	480.58	
Interest on perm. and temp. debts (incl. water works bond int.)	52,633.25	49,951.58	2,681.67	
Laconia Hospital	12,000.00	12,000.00		
Industrial promotion	4,000.00	2,898.79	1,101.21	
Cemetery care—Hillside	350.00	318.91	31.09	
Spraying poison ivy	150.00	91.00	59.00	
Spraying ragweed	96.34	86.00	10.34	
Lakeport clock	228.66	228.66		
Taxes—Gilford sandbank	50.00	42.55	7.45	

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Department or Account	Budget and Credits	Expenditures and Debits	Excess	Deficiency
United Nations meeting	1,991.59	1,904.68	86.91	
Rent—public wharves	250.00	250.00		
Miscellaneous advertising and donations	150.00	176.48		26.48
Municipal Court	4,450.00	3,941.32	508.68	
Parks and playgrounds	23,141.55	21,558.87	1,582.68	
Patriotic purposes	1,500.00	1,084.45	415.55	
Planning Board	9,054.00	8,224.83	829.17	
Police Department	118,944.03	117,689.89	1,254.14	
Public Library and Gale Park	25,165.34	25,165.34		
Public Works Department	233,106.11	218,095.22	15,010.89	
State New Hampshire Retirement contribution	15,000.00	11,266.33	3,733.67	
School Building Committee	2,500.00	962.41	1,537.59	
Schools	655,532.10	655,300.22	231.88	
Social Security retroactive payment	8,400.00	7,118.97	1,281.03	
Street Lighting	38,573.44	37,050.92	1,522.52	
Tax Collector Department	12,357.47	11,872.47	485.00	
Weirs Beach Operations	9,327.00	7,733.91	1,593.09	
Weirs Municipal Buildings	8,470.90	8,427.53	43.37	
Welfare Department	75,000.00	60,710.58	14,289.42	
Zoning Board of Adjustment	502.40	109.55	392.85	
	\$1,814,464.54	\$1,751,757.45	\$62,867.62	\$160.32
Less—Portion of excess representing Police Department uniform allowance retained			641.98	
Plus—Increase in deficiency representing Fire Department uniform allowance retained				71.47
			\$62,225.64	\$232.00
Net Increase to Surplus			\$61,993.64	

Statement of Miscellaneous Receipts and Disbursements  
of the General Fund and Revenue Accounts  
for the Year Ended June 30, 1967

	Received	Expended
1. Laconia Airport—bal. brought forward on Champlin gift	\$ 8,309.50	
a. Disbursed to Laconia Airport Authority for administration building construction use		\$ 8,309.50
2. Aid in construction of Library addition:		
From Estate of Martha Prescott	\$ 49,403.11	
From sale of salvaged brick	120.00	
From fire loss claim on construction	1,546.39	
	<hr/> \$ 51,069.50	
a. Disbursed toward contract payments on library addition		51,069.50
3. Laconia Water Works:		
Share of fire insurance costs	\$ 358.00	
Interest on their bonds	24,215.00	
Principal on their bonds	30,000.00	
	<hr/> \$ 54,573.00	
a. Added to the amount budgeted for all bond payments		54,573.00
4. Land damages—from N. H. for strip of land at Opechee Park for state road project	\$ 1,400.00	
a. Transferred to General Fund liabilities to carry into next fiscal year for park improvement use		1,400.00
5. Merchant contributions to off-street parking	\$ 3,012.50	
a. Transferred to General Fund liabilities to carry into next fiscal year for parking lot bond debt retirements		3,012.50
6. Cemetery Trust Funds	\$ 5,568.70	
a. Transferred to trustees of trust funds for their management and investment		5,568.70
7. Receipts—Tax Anticipation Notes	\$250,000.00	
a. Paid off such notes		250,000.00

**SANITARY SEWERAGE FUND  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**

**June 30, 1957**

**ASSETS**

Cash in banks:

Peoples National Bank	\$ 5,387.13	
Laconia Federal Savings & Loan Association	16,424.66	
	<hr/>	\$ 21,811.79

Accounts Receivable—Sewer rentals	1,584.98	
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Total assets	<hr/>	\$ 23,396.77
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**LIABILITIES, RESERVES, SURPLUS**

Reserve for depreciation—replacements plant and equipment	\$ 13,948.96
*Unappropriated or available surplus	9,447.81
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Total liabilities, reserves, surplus	\$ 23,396.77

\* As shown in the following statement of analysis of the surplus account of this fund, twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) of this surplus was used during the past fiscal year to apply against the thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) yearly payment on the bonds to construct the sewerage plant. The balance above is after deducting the \$20,000 for such payment from the cash accounts of this fund.

No expenditures were made this past year out of the depreciation replacement fund—\$2,975.00 of revenue was allocated to increase this replacement account during this year.



**ANALYSIS OF BUDGETED AND ACTUAL INCOME AND EXPENSE  
OF SEWERAGE PLANT AND FACILITIES  
for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1957**

	<b>INCOME</b>	
Estimated Amount to be Raised		\$32,475.00
Less—Income earned, actual:		
1. From (2) six months sewer rental bills	\$33,405.59	
2. Interest on late bill payments	431.29	
3. Interest on invested surplus and depreciation funds	604.94	
4. Miscellaneous income—fees and licenses	170.00	
	<hr/>	34,611.82
Excess of income earned over estimate		\$ 2,136.82
	<b>EXPENSE</b>	
Estimated Budgeted Expenses		\$32,475.00
Less—Actual expenses	\$ 1,225.00	
Printing, envelopes and supplies	368.27	
Abatements and refunds	38.55	
Plant operation	16,008.37	
Sewer maintenance	10,461.75	
Keasor Court pumping station	483.95	
Depreciation—transferred to reserve	2,975.00	
	<hr/>	31,560.89
Excess of Estimated Expense over Actual		\$ 914.11
<b>SUMMARY OF SEWERAGE FUND SURPLUS CHANGES</b>		
Balance, Surplus, July 1, 1956		\$26,334.26
Plus—Above excess of income earned over estimate		2,136.82
Above excess of estimated expense over actual		914.11
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		\$29,385.19
Less—Amount of surplus applied toward the retirement of bonds issued to construct the sewerage treatment plant		20,000.00
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		\$ 9,385.19
Plus—Bookkeeping adjustments by auditor		62.62
		<hr/>
Balance, Surplus, June 30, 1957		\$ 9,447.81

COMBINED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
OF ALL BOND FUNDS SEPARATE FROM GENERAL FUND  
as of June 30, 1957

**ASSETS**

Cash in Depositories	\$280,541.27
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**LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENCY RESERVES**

Permanent Project Balances:

1950 Sewer Plant Construction Bonds	\$ 8,249.61
1952 Public Improvements	169.20
1953 Serial Notes	3.71
1954 Public Improvement and Equipment	2,468.93
1954 Serial Bonds	20.60
1955 Lakeport Fire Station	300.00
1955 Public Improvement and Equipment	18,020.90
1955 Sewer Extensions	70,269.43
1957 Public Improvement	181,038.89
	\$280,541.27
Total Liabilities and Reserves	\$280,541.27

Note: (1) Please refer to following statements of financial condition of each individual bond fund.

(2) \$2,566.89 of above bond unexpended balances of projects completed is being applied toward purchase of a public works road grader in the 1957-1958 budget year.

ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS  
July 1, 1956—June 30, 1957

	Balance Due 7-1-56	Bonds New	Paid Off	Balance Due 6-30-57
Public Improvement Bonds 1946	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 6,000.00	None
Public Improvement Bonds 1947	20,000.00		10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Public Improvement Bonds 1948	130,000.00		10,000.00	120,000.00
Weirs Beach Bonds	10,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00
Sewer bonds (plant)	700,000.00		30,000.00	670,000.00
1952 Parking lot Issue	8,000.00		8,000.00	None
Public Improvement Bonds 1952	24,000.00		12,000.00	12,000.00
School Bonds 1952	40,000.00		10,000.00	30,000.00
Public Improvement and Equipment 1954	42,000.00		14,000.00	28,000.00
Serial Notes 1954	12,000.00		4,000.00	8,000.00
Public Works Equipment Notes 1954	8,000.00		2,000.00	6,000.00
Laconia Airport Authority Notes 1955	12,000.00		4,000.00	8,000.00
Lakeport Fire Station Bonds 1955	76,000.00		5,000.00	71,000.00
Serial Notes 1953	11,000.00		5,500.00	5,500.00
Airport Improvement Bonds 1955	40,000.00		5,000.00	35,000.00
Public Improvement and Equipment Bonds 1955	60,000.00		10,000.00	50,000.00
Sewer Bonds (Extensions) 1955	135,000.00		5,000.00	130,000.00
*Water plant bonds 1955	850,000.00		*30,000.00	820,000.00
Public Improvement and Parking Lots 1957		\$440,000.00	None	440,000.00
Bookmobile Notes 1956		6,000.00	None	6,000.00
Totals	\$2,184,000.00	\$446,000.00	\$175,500.00	\$2,454,500.00

\* *Water Plant Bonds*—Although these bonds are general obligations of Laconia, the Laconia Water Works is charged with the retirement of the principal and interest from its revenues. The principal payment of \$30,000.00 above, together with interest, was turned over to the city by the Water Works.



**LACONIA CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**

**June 30, 1957**

**ASSETS**

Cash in Banks:			
City Savings Bank		\$ 37,839.62	
Laconia Savings Bank		47,741.93	
Laconia Federal Savings & Loan Association		16,266.93	
Lakeport National Bank		334.46	
		<hr/>	\$102,182.94
Investments—Common Trust Funds (at cost):			
Eaton & Howard Bal. Fund	610 shares	10,418.59	
Fidelity Fund Inc.	1,168 shares	11,696.65	
Mass. Investors Trust	728 shares	5,363.14	
The Geo. Putnam Fund	474 shares	4,981.74	
Chemical Fund, Inc.	883 shares	11,331.35	
		<hr/>	43,791.47
Total Assets			<hr/> \$145,974.41

**LIABILITIES**

Principal Trust Funds			\$137,108.07
Available Dividends and Accrued Interest			8,866.34
			<hr/>
Total Liabilities			\$145,974.41
Increases in Principal During Year:			
New trust funds deposited in savings accounts		\$ 4,937.50	
Capital gains from investments		1,753.10	
Interest transferred to principal—request of donor (contra)		65.53	
		<hr/>	\$ 6,756.13
Unexpended Income, July 1, 1956		\$ 8,371.09	
Plus—Interest on savings accounts		2,958.17	
Dividends from investments		1,929.81	
		<hr/>	\$ 13,259.07
Less—Income expended		\$ 4,327.20	
Transfer of interest to principal (contra)		65.53	
		<hr/>	4,392.73
Unexpended Income, June 30, 1957			<hr/> \$ 8,866.34

**LEAVITT PARK TRUST FUNDS**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION**

**June 30 ,1957**

**ASSETS**

Cash in Banks:			
Laconia Federal Savings & Loan Association			\$ 2,267.46
Investments—Stocks (at cost):			
Eaton & Howard Bal. Fund	223 shares	\$ 3,609.96	
Fidelity Fund, Inc.	607 shares	5,558.79	
New England Telephone & Telegraph	8 shares	800.00	
Broad Street Investment Corp.	512 shares	12,464.67	
		<hr/>	22,433.42
Total Assets			\$24,700.88

**LIABILITIES**

Principal Trust Funds			\$22,763.71
Available Dividends and Accrued Interest			1,937.17
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Total Liabilities			\$24,700.88
Balance, Principal Funds, July 1, 1956			\$22,084.78
Plus—Capital gains from investments			678.93
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Balance, Principal Funds, June 30, 1957			\$22,763.71
Unexpended Income, July 1, 1956			\$ 4,290.38
Plus—Interest on savings account		\$ 152.87	
Dividends from investments		744.34	
		<hr/>	897.21
			\$ 5,187.59
Less—Expenditures			3,250.42
			<hr/>
Unexpended Income, June 30, 1957			\$ 1,937.17

CHARLES H. PERKINS HIGH SCHOOL TRUST FUND  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

June 30 ,1957

**ASSETS**

Cash in Bank:			
Laconia Savings Bank			\$ 523.46
Investments—Stocks (at cost):			
Eaton & Howard Bal. Fund	165 shares	\$2,667.96	
Fidelity Fund, Inc.	336 shares	3,072.25	
		<hr/>	5,740.21
Total Assets			\$6,263.67

**LIABILITIES**

Principal Trust Funds		\$5,923.38
Available Dividends and Accrued Interest		340.29
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Total Liabilities		\$6,263.67
Balance, Principal Fund, July 1, 1956		\$5,667.42
Plus—Capital gains from investments		255.96
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Balance, Principal Fund, June 30, 1957		\$5,923.38
Unexpended Income, July 1, 1956		\$ 342.60
Plus—Dividends and interest received		297.69
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Less—expended—2 scholarships		\$ 640.29
		300.00
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Unexpended Income, June 30, 1957		\$ 340.29



OSSIAN W. GOSS FUND  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

June 30, 1957

**ASSETS**

Cash—Laconia Savings Bank	\$ 331.20
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**LIABILITIES**

Principal Trust Fund	\$ 200.00
Available Accrued Interest	131.20

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\$ 331.20

New trust fund received December 1956	\$ 200.00
Bank interest received plus interest received upon fund transfer in December	131.20
	<hr/> \$ 331.20

HILLSIDE CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

**ASSETS**

Cash—Peoples National Bank	\$ 266.39
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**LIABILITIES**

Maintenance Use—Hillside Cemetery	\$ 266.39
Balance of cash, July 1, 1956	None
Plus—Received from treasurer Hillside Cemetery Association	27.92
Income from cemetery trust funds	245.00
Annual dues	10.00

Cash Available	\$ 282.92
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Less—Wages for care	\$ 16.00
Miscellaneous (gas)	.53

Balance of cash, June 30, 1957	<hr/> 16.53 \$ 266.39
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS**

**June 30, 1957**

**ASSETS**

Cash in Banks—Savings Accounts		\$15,196.03
Investments (at cost) :		
U. S. Government bonds	\$ 6,500.00	
Stocks and bonds	2,500.00	
Coupons due and receivable	43.75	
	<hr/>	9,043.75
Total assets		\$24,239.78

**LIABILITIES**

Regular Principal Trust Funds	\$19,726.97
Principal and Interest—Gale Building Fund	4,391.68
Available Accrued Interest and Coupons—General	121.13
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Total liabilities	\$24,239.78

Notes: (1) Transactions of Building Fund:

Cash balance, July 1, 1956	\$4,770.79
Plus—from N. Gale Estate funds	3,789.51
From excess general budget funds	602.73
From savings account interest	185.36
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	\$9,348.39
Less—Architect and other costs of new addition to library	4,956.71
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	\$4,391.68

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(2) The bookmobile funds on hand July 1, 1956 of \$4,020.00 were disbursed in full:

Cash bal. July 1, 1956	\$4,020.00
Plus—interest	60.30
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	\$4,080.30

Less—Transferred to city bond funds toward purchase of bookmobile	\$4,000.00
Purchase of supplies for bookmobile	80.30
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	4,080.30

Cash balance, June 30, 1957	None
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(3) \$25.00 government bond matured and transferred to a savings account.



CITY OF LACONIA WATER WORKS  
(LACONIA AND WEIR SYSTEMS)  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
December 31, 1956

**ASSETS**

Fixed Assets—Total Investment—Water and other Property		\$828,365.58
Current Assets:		
Cash in banks and on hand	\$ 9,616.87	
Materials and supplies	33,734.74	
Accounts receivable—water	20,095.21	
Accounts receivable—miscellaneous sales	2,061.67	
Accounts receivable—other	8.40	
	<hr/>	65,516.89
		<hr/> \$893,882.47

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Liabilities:		
Acquisition bond issue—30 years		\$821,500.00
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,027.42	
Note payable—Laconia National Bank	1,453.45	
Customer deposits (water bills)	100.00	
Advance revenue—Laconia fire protection charges	6,500.00	
Due Laconia on accounts receivable	592.87	
	<hr/>	9,673.74
Reserves:		
Depreciation Provided for 1956		18,572.15
Contributions in Aid of Construction:		10,381.76
Earnings Retained for Bond Principal Retirement and other Outlays		33,754.82
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Total Liabilities, Reserves, and Retained Earnings		\$893,882.47

LACONIA WATER WORKS  
DETAIL OF PROPERTY ACCOUNTS

December 31, 1958

Power, pumping and transmission land	\$ 3,025.00
Reservoir and standpipe land	4,766.87
Distribution system land	100.00
Source of supply structures	936.77
Power and pumping structures	19,981.10
Reservoir and standpipe structures	67,862.46
Reservoir fence	1,220.00
General and miscellaneous structures	21,078.75
Electric pumping equipment	6,594.59
Oil engine pumping equipment (stand-by)	1,402.08
Purification equipment	1,285.98
Transmission mains	9,799.28
Distribution mains	498,533.07
Services	96,754.12
Hydrants	21,368.86
Sprinkler services	5,524.98
Meters	30,082.73
Transportation equipment	4,901.78
Miscellaneous equipment—general	2,721.92
Office equipment	4,196.58
Miscellaneous tangible property	228.66
Non-utility property	26,000.00
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Total fixed assets—Exhibit A	\$828,365.58

# CITY OF LACONIA WATER WORKS

## Statement of Income and Expense for the Year Ended December 31, 1956

Operating Revenues—Water:			
Residential sales—metered	\$46,009.09		
Residential sales—unmetered	3,000.79		
			\$49,009.88
Commercial sales—metered	43,271.05		
Commercial sales—unmetered	6,110.81		
			49,381.86
*Public fire protection	25,402.62		
Municipal sales—other	5,490.91		
			30,893.53
Forfeited discounts	701.41		
Miscellaneous sales	3,020.66		
			3,722.07
Total Operating Revenues—Water			\$133,007.34
Less—Operation and Maintenance—Water:			

### WATER SUPPLY

Pumping labor	\$ 4,715.84	
Purification supplies and expense	367.28	
Power	6,946.81	
Maintenance—pumps and structures	1,289.41	
Maintenance—purification equipment	142.37	
		\$13,461.71

### DISTRIBUTION

Superintendence	\$ 6,000.00	
Maintenance—general structures	144.05	
Maintenance—mains	5,329.79	
Maintenance—water storage equipment	1.34	
Maintenance—services	1,357.55	
Maintenance—hydrants	912.79	
Maintenance—meters	6,177.87	
Maintenance—miscellaneous equipment	1,884.41	
Meter reading	1,937.10	
		23,744.90

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**OTHER EXPENSES**

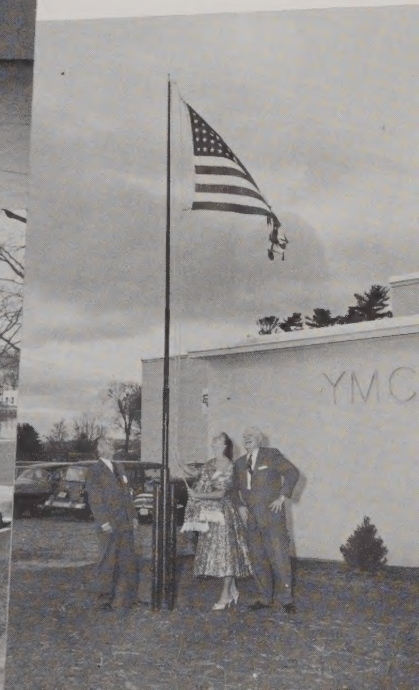
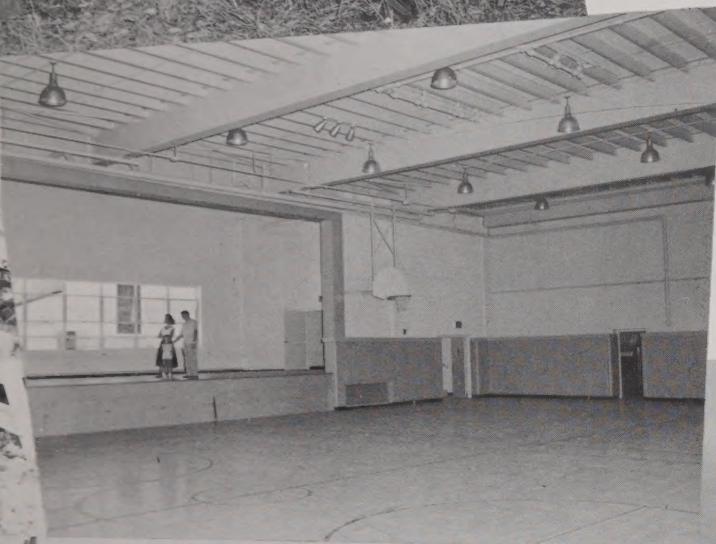
Salaries of commissioners	\$ 2,100.00	
Salaries, office	6,900.54	
Customer billing	3,426.48	
Sewerage billing	378.34	
General office expenses	474.03	
Maintenance—office equipment	248.22	
General expense	2,842.01	
Heat	1,408.96	
Payroll taxes	768.33	
Insurance	1,363.11	
Truck expense	625.09	
	<hr/>	20,535.11
Operating Expense Before Depreciation		57,741.72
Plus—Depreciation—all fixed assets		18,492.49
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Total Operating Expenses—Water		\$76,234.21
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Water Operating Income		56,773.13
Plus—Other Income:		
Discounts on purchases	84.86	
Non-operating property income (net)	1,546.83	
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Gross Income		\$58,404.82
Less—Interest paid on acquisition bond issue		24,650.00
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Net Income (available for retirement of bonds)		\$33,754.82

\$30,000.00 of earnings were applied in 1956 to reduce the principal outstanding of the acquisition bond issue.

\* Municipal fire protection—City of Laconia:

As contemplated at the present time, the Laconia Water Works will receive in 1957 \$13,000.00 from the City of Laconia for hydrant fire protection. This is an approximate \$11,000.00 decrease in the amount received in the year 1956.







# City Clerk

## VITAL STATISTICS:

Births	608
Stillbirths	5
Marriages	170
Deaths	285

Number of Automobile Permits Issued:	7,192
Revenue from Automobile Permits (as compared with \$16,333.04 in 1947)	\$77,579.26

## OTHER REVENUE:

Amusements:	\$ 303.00	Marriage Licenses:	\$ 408.00
Taxi Licenses:	370.00	Recordings	2,843.00
Beano Licenses:	676.00	Certified Certificates:	212.75
Dog Licenses:	1,965.25		

Total Revenue: \$84,357.26

Total number of registered voters:	8,215
Number of votes cast at last municipal election: (60% of total)	5,092
Absentee Ballots:	445



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